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This submission is applicants' response to the January 2, 2003 Office Action.

As an initial matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted concurrently with the present Amendment is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, along with proposed changes to Fig. 3 marked in red ink. No new matter is added. Entry of the proposed changes is hereby requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Fig. 3, it is desirable that the shape of a lower portion of the metal element 32 is intrinsically a curve laterally symmetric with respect to the center line CL. However, to determine a reference for setting the metal element 32 on a jig, it is desirable in the actual manufacture of the metal element 32 to cut the metal element 32, so that when a line parallel to the center line CL is drawn from each of the points c, c to provide a point C1, C1 of the intersection with the first line S1, a line connecting the points C1, C1 is straight.